

Haya language

Haya (*Oluhaya*; *Swahili*: *Kihaya*) is a Bantu language spoken by the Haya people of Tanzania, in the south and southwest coast of Lake Victoria. In 1991, the population of Haya speakers was estimated at 1,200,000 people [1] (http://www.ethnologue.com/show_language.asp?code=hay).

Maho (2009) classifies JE221 Rashi as closest to Haya. It has no ISO code.

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Phonology

Consonants

Haya	
Ziba	
<i>Oluhaya</i>	<i>Oruhaya'</i>
Region	Tanzania
Ethnicity	Haya people
Native speakers	1.3 million (2006) ^[1]
Language family	<p>Niger–Congo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Volta–Congo ▪ Benue–Congo ▪ Bantoid ▪ Southern Bantoid ▪ Bantu ▪ Northeast Bantu ▪ Great Lakes Bantu ▪ Haya–Jita (J.20) ▪ Haya
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	hay
Glottolog	haya1250 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/haya1250) ^[2]
Guthrie code	JE.22 ^[3]

		Labial	Alveolar	Post-alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Plosive	voiceless	p	t			k	
	voiced	b	d			g	
Affricate	voiceless			tʃ			
	voiced			dʒ			
Fricative	voiceless	f	s	ʃ			h
	voiced		z				
Nasal		m	n		ŋ		
Approximant			l		j	w	

Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
High	i i:		u u:
Mid	e e:		o o:
Low		a a:	

When a high vowel /i, u/ precedes a non-high vowel, it is realized as an approximant sound [j, w].

Tones

Two tones are present in Haya; high /́/ and low /̀/. [4]

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- <https://web.archive.org/web/20061004195910/http://www.african.gu.se/tanzania/weblinks.html>
- <http://www.linguistics.berkeley.edu/CBOLD/Docs/TLS.html> (This webpage contains a Haya wordlist.)

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